open market procurement of oilseeds, NDDB and its associated cooperatives operate through the normal trade channels involving brokers and commission agents.

Miners trapped in Lakadpur, Haryana

1170. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several miners working in the mines under Haryana Minerals Limited, in Lakadpur in Surajkund (Haryana), were trapped in and killed due to sudden caving in of a portion of stone quarry on 10th July, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that members of Rashtriya Khan Majdoor Union had submitted several memoranda to the Directorate of Mines (Safety) specifically to ensure safety of miners around Surajkund (Haryana) mines; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Directorate thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Two workers and a child were buried due to fall of side in Lakadpur Part-I Stone Quarry of M/s. Haryana Minerals Limited on 10th July, 1990. The two workers were recovered dead while the child sustained minor injuries.

(b) No, Sir. However, a memorandum dated 29-8-1989 regarding safety in stone mines in Faridabad, Haryana and in the Union Territory of Delhi was addressed by the Rashtriya Khan Majdoor Union to the then Labour Minister.

(c) The complaint was enquired into by the officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety. The enquiry revealed that in the year 1989, the officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety had carried out periodic inspections of stone mines in Faridabad and Delhi. After every inspection, violations of safety provisions revealed during the inspection had been pointed out to the mine managements who are responsible for complying with the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952 and the rules and the regulations made thereunder. During the period 25th June, 1987 to 20th February, 1990, 8 prosecution cases, each against the mine managements in Faridabad and Delhi were launched by the officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety, on account of violations of the safety provisions.

Dharna by Indian Federation of Trade Unions

1171. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Federation of Trade Unions organised a dharna outside the residence of Minister for Labour recently; and

(b) if so, what were their major demands and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Federation of Trade Unions has raised the following demands:—

(i) Fixation of minimum wages at Rs. 1050-1325-1600;

(ii) Fixation of dearness allowance at Rs. 2/- per point;

(iii) Implementation of Grade, ESI, Provident Fund, Bonus and other labour laws;

(iv) Abolition of contract and casual labour systems;

(v) Awards of Labour Courts to be given within three months;

(vi) Withdrawal of repressive laws like N.S.A., E.S.M.A., etc.

(vii) Withdrawal of false police cases and stoppage of police interference;

(viii) Issue of permanent Ration Cards to all labourers; and

(ix) Regularisation of jhuggi colonies and provision of basic amenities.

The above demands of the Federation are under consideration of the Government.

Ban on trollies at Railway Station

1172. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways imposed ban in 1985 for providing/sanction of additional New stalls and Trollies at New Delhi, Delhi and Nizamuddin Stations to avoid congestion on the platforms;

(b) whether it is a fact that even after this ban, two Nescafe Coffee, Two Rasika Drinks, two H.M.P. Drinks, one MP Milk Products, one Geeta Press and seven departmental catering stalls have been provided at New Delhi Stations under direct orders of Ministry of Railways; and

(c) if so, what is the criteria in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. A ban was imposed on the increase in the number of stalls etc. by the Zonal Railways.

(b) Stalls for milk products, Himachal Pradesh Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation Limited and Geet Press as well as installation of automatic Coffee Vending machines at New Delhi Railway Station were sanctioned by this Ministry and not by the Zonal Railway. Ministry of Railways, however, neither sanctioned any Rasika stall nor did it permit increase in departmental stalls.

(c) These were sanctioned to meet the requirements of the passengers.

Restriction for obtaining Book-stalls

1173. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any restriction to an Association of unemployed graduates (containing 7 to 11 members) for obtaining book-stalls on two or three Zonal Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no such restriction. However, Book-stall contracts are allotted to eligible categories including associations of unemployed graduates on merits subject to an over-all limit of 12 Book-stalls.

Supply of Newspapers in the Shatabdi Express

1174. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board has issued instructions to the Railways for supply of Daily Newspapers in the Shatabdi Express trains to passengers free of charge through Book-stall contractors of the station;

(b) if so, what are the names of the contractors who have been permitted to do so;

(c) what is the critera fixed for payment of Newspapers bills to the contractors; and

(d) whether any amount of Newspaper Bills submitted by the contractors are withheld by the Delhi and Ambala Division, North Railway, for payment if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Instructions were issued to Northern Railway to supply newspapers in Shatabdi Express trains.